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## **Media Advisory and invitation to Chena Project Office Dedication Ceremony**

The Alaska District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, invites you to cover the Chena Project Office dedication ceremony on Aug. 10 at 10 a.m. at the Chena River Lakes Flood Control Project.

Guest speakers include Alaska's U.S. Senator Mark Begich, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works Jo-Ellen Darcy, and Alaska District Commander, Col. Reinhard W. Koenig. A smoke jumping demonstration by the Bureau of Land Management Alaska Smoke Jumpers will kick off the ceremony.

The Chena Project office was recently modernized to a state-of-the-art energy efficient and environmentally friendly facility that is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. A new 2,250 sq. ft. addition will be used as an entrance foyer, visitor reception area, emergency response bay, and meeting room. Features include a masonry heater and interpretive exhibits.

The original 1988 structure containing existing offices, common office space, kitchen area, restrooms and conference room, was upgraded. Energy upgrades include thickened exterior walls, radiant heating, new energy efficient doors, windows, lighting and additional ceiling insulation. The \$5.47 million construction project was funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Attendance at the dedication ceremony is by invitation; a public open house will be scheduled at a later date.

**If you would like to cover this event**, please contact Pat Richardson, Alaska District Public Affairs, 907-753-2520. Individual interviews with U.S. Senator Mark Begich must be scheduled with Max Croes, the senator's deputy press secretary at [Max\\_Croes@begich.senate.gov](mailto:Max_Croes@begich.senate.gov) or call 202-374-9882.

For interviews with ASA(CW) Jo-Ellen Darcy and COL Reinhard Koenig, contact Pat Richardson by Friday, Aug. 5, 2011, to schedule an appointment

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